TITUSVILLE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2002

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Bud Hughes K4CWG

The radio club sponsors several "nets", namely the Mosquito Net on 28.333 MHz, the Friendship Net, the VIP Net and the Traders Net on 146.91. Our long distant club member, Bill NK4D in Elmore, Alabama asked why we did not put the Red Eye Net in the TARC news letter. The inclusion of this net time and frequency just might encourage some of our members to let us hear from you. This net meets every Sunday morning at 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM on 7.165 MHz. We are fortunate in having a great number of our members spend the winters here with us then return to their home up north for the summer. And yes we are fortunate in having members who are supporters of the club and unfortunately very seldom grace us with their presence. Perhaps you would like to give some thought to joining us on Sunday mornings on 40 Meters.. Les K4SJC is the net control. We have a very nice group of fellow hams throughout the country checking in and you would certainly be welcomed. Thanks, Bill, for your suggestion to place the Red Eye Net in the newsletter.

If you have need for coax, the club has about 650 feet remaining of the mini 8, 15 year life expectancy coax. The coax is rated at 750 watts and has a velocity factor of 86. The coax sells for 25 cents per foot. The cost to you will be 21 cents per foot due to the purchase of a 1000 ft. spool.

Don't forget the club meeting on April 23. Bring a friend!

A DEDICATED MEMBER!

March 16, 2002
Titusville Amateur Radio Club
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Titusville FL 32754-0073

Hello TARC

I was not sure when my dues was up so I am sending it while I have the opportunity. I am currently serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in the middle east and not likely to be home anytime soon so I thought it would be best to send my club dues now.

Hope your all doing great, plus with luck I will be using the repeater soon.

Deployed Kevin M. Zimmerman
SMSGT/USAF
332 AEG ERQS/D.O.C 130
APO. AE 09888-0001

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

APR. 04 KC4VMP JIM CLARK
APR. 06 KS4BO DARWIN McCOMBS
APR. 08 K4ATO ANGIE DiMEO
APR. 08 KF4FEY PENNY MANION
APR. 10 KF4UN DAVE POST
APR. 13 KE4YQF MARY LORENZI
APR. 13 KF4LUA GWEN COLVIN
APR. 18 N6USP BOBBY JONES
APR. 18 KG4PGJ MIKE BRADY
APR. 23 W8BME JOHN LINK
APR. 30 KB4RBU VERN BAUER

ABELL'S ANECDOTES
By Pike Abell W4EPU

This is not an anecdote per se. Nonetheless, I am taking the liberty of using this space to publicly express appreciation to a bunch of our members for providing communications for the annual Run-For-Life group.

You see, every year for the last 14 years, under the sponsorship of the Knights of Columbus, a group of individuals run from Homestead to St. Augustine over a nine day period. Their purpose is to raise money to support homes for abused and other troubled women. During the trip they are supported with food, housing and contributions by charitable citizens. This year in Brevard County alone they raised over $4000.00.

Their local stop-over is in Titusville. They are met by a group of supporters at the St. Teresa's Catholic churchyard. There they attend a short prayer meeting then are provided food prepared in the church cafeteria. After that they are taken to various homes for the night.

The runners are not in direct communications on the way with anyone in Titusville, so the local reception committee does not actually know exactly when they are expected to arrive. That is where our TARC commo support comes into play. On the day the runners are scheduled to arrive, mobile radio operators go south on US1 and meet the runners. (This year we met then at the intersection of US1 and SR528.) When we meet them we report their status and location to other amateur radio operators waiting at the churchyard. Those at the churchyard then relay the information, by telephone or otherwise, to the reception committee. By knowing the location of the runners, they are able to establish a fairly accurate ETA. However, we do not leave them there. We stay with them and talk them in along the way.

The participating TARC team was as follows: Clara-KE4YQL, Gail-KF4FEZ, Sherry-KU4ZO, Dan-KE4MWY, Bud-K4CWG, Pike-W4EPU and Dave-AC4JX.

Again, many thanks to all.
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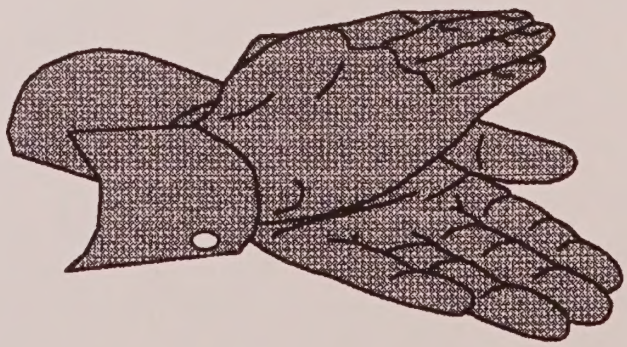

MARCH MINUTES
By KF4HTB Becky Lee

After the opening ceremonies, Bud K4CWG announced that VP Ozzie N4SCY is in the hospital following surgery for a bleeding ulcer. He also reminded the members that he has coax for sale.

Stephanie K4MVO gave a rundown of what is going on Brevard County. She talked about the Ride for the Red to be held Apr. 6, the Platinum Coast fox hunt on Apr. 14, and the hurricane drill on Apr. 24.

A good portion of the meeting was spent in discussing the purchase of a new repeater for the 91 machine. Bud talked about a 25W Yazoo model that would cost a total of $1585.75. A motion was made and carried that the club purchase whatever is necessary to get the repeater up and running properly.

Jim, WA0VED donated a GE Master Amplifier to the club which will be tried out on the repeater before any new purchase is made.

FROM THE EDITORS

It seems that every month this year, we have had a comflict of one kind or another about the time the newsletter should have been published. We've had two deaths out of state (my brother and Clyde's sister) and a series of minor ailments and surgeries.

This month is no different - hence the shortened version of the newsletter.

Please bear with us. We promise to try to do better starting next month. Thanks

TREASURERS REPORT
By Becky Lee, KF4HTB

Balance forward from 2001	$4574.11
Deposits Year to Date	1020.69
TOTAL INCOME	**$5594.80**
Expenditures	864.80
BALANCE AS AT 3/31/02	**$4730.00**

CLUB OFFICERS
President: Bud Hughes, K4CWG. 269-0779
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Ralph Hall AE4LE
Sherry Hughes, KU4ZO. 269-0779

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Larry Carr, WB9MFJ (Packet-Rose Node) 268-4114

CLUB INFORMATION
Meetings: Monthly on 4th Tuesday at 1900 hrs. at Jaycee Building

Newsletter Editors: KF4HTB Becky Lee
K4EOS Clyde Lee

Nets: **VIP**-Thursdays at 1000 hrs. 146.910
Friendship-Thursdays at 1830 hrs. 146.910
Mosquito-Wednesdays at 1900 hrs. 28.333
Traders-Mondays at 1930 hrs 146.910
Red Eye-Sundays 6AM-7AM 7.165 MHz

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Where ARE the April Showers?

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Total membership: 206 (142 regular, 46 family, 12 honorary, 6 other)

NEW MEMBERS: None

RENEWALS:

KE4AEB JO JORDAN
KE4MXF KAY JORDAN
N2CTQ LOU GENCORELLI
M2USO MARIE GENCORELLI
KG4DSG MIKE WOLFORD
WW4G BRIAN VAN ALSTINE
K4JDV JANET VAN ALSTINE
KF4JI (CRD) CHRISTIAN
KF4QML KEVIN ZIMMERMAN
WA4QSK TOM McCALL
KC4TE GENE MANN
KF4UN DAVE POST
K5UNT MAL HARPER
AF4W CHARLES SUMMERS
WN4YKC DON HATFIELD
KE4JBF JOANN HATFIELD

HAMFESTS:

04/20 TAMPA
04/20 CORAL GABLES
04/27 GAINESVILLE
06/8 FT. McCOY
07/26-27 MILTON
08/24 FT. PIERCE
09/7 MELBOURNE
10/05 JACKSONVILLE
10/19 JACKSONVILLE